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: Group Art Unit: 1762

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For REPLACEABLE PLATE EXPANDED THERMAL PLASMA APPARATUS AND
METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action requiring restriction mailed June 29, 2006, the Applicant elects without traverse the Group I claims, claims 1-18, and 31-40 drawn to a method. As required, the Applicant elects herewith a single species (*vide infra*). Claims 1-41 are currently pending in this application and are subject to restriction. This response was due by July 29, 2006 and a one month extension of time is hereby requested. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 07-0868.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.